

# GROW@HOME

April  
Week 2

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

## 1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## 2 Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
**Why are you so far from saving me and far from the words of my anguish?**  
I am a worm and not a man,  
**a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.**

All those who see me taunt me;  
**they mock me;**  
they shake their heads at me.  
**They say, "He trusts in Yahweh; let Yahweh rescue him.**

Let him rescue him,  
**for he delights in him."**  
My strength has dried up like a piece of pottery;  
**my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.**  
You have laid me in the dust of death.

**For dogs have surrounded me;**  
a company of evildoers has encircled me;  
**they have pierced my hands and my feet.**  
They divide my garments among themselves,  
**they cast lots for my clothes.**

Do not be far away, Yahweh;  
**please hurry to help me, my strength!**

*Psalm 22:1, 6-8, 15-16, 18-19*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**and to the Holy Spirit.**  
As it was in the beginning  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## 3 Hymns

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (page 5)  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



**BIBLE BOOKS**  
General Letters, part 1

### James

*Summary Statement*

**A letter encouraging works as a fruit of faith**

*Outline*

**I. Tested Faith (1)**

**II. Active Faith (2-4)**

**III. Patient Faith (5)**

*Key Verses*

**1:17; 2:17; 3:8; 4:7; 5:16**

*Daily Readings*

<b>Su</b>	Jas 1:1-12	
<b>Mo</b>	Jas 1:19-27	
<b>Tu</b>	Jas 2:1-13	
<b>We</b>	Jas 2:14-26	
<b>Th</b>	Jas 3:1-12	
<b>Fr</b>	Jas 4:1-12	
<b>Sa</b>	Jas 5:7-20	



## BIBLE EVENTS

### Jesus' Death & Resurrection

#### Luke 22:47-53 ★

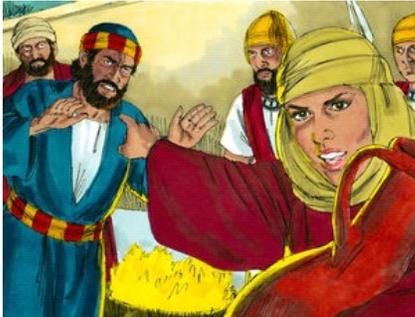
##### Jesus Is Arrested



- How did Judas identify Jesus to those who came to arrest Him? (22:47)
- What part of the high priest's servant was hurt when one of Jesus' disciples used his sword? (22:50)
- What did Jesus do for the high priest's servant? (22:51)
- Who were the men who had come to arrest Jesus? (22:52)

#### Luke 22:54-62 ★

##### Peter Denies Jesus



- Where did Peter follow Jesus to after His arrest? (22:54)
- Who was the first person at the courtyard fire to question Peter's relationship with Jesus? (22:56)
- What sound did Peter hear after denying Jesus the third time? (22:60)
- What did Peter do when he realized that he had denied Jesus three times? (22:62)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

#### Matthew 27:11-26

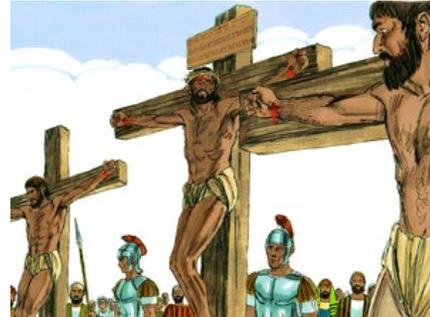
##### Pontius Pilate



- What was the custom for the governor to do during the feast of Passover? (27:15)
- Why did Pilate's wife ask him to have nothing to do with Jesus? (27:19)
- What was the name of the prisoner that the crowds asked Pilate to release? (27:21)
- How did Pilate visibly show that he wanted no part in Jesus' execution? (27:24)

#### Luke 23:26-43

##### Two Criminals



- What was Jesus' prayer from the cross for the people who were crucifying Him? (23:34)
- What did one of the criminals who was crucified next to Jesus do to Him? (23:39)
- What did the criminal ask of Jesus? (23:42)
- Where did Jesus tell the criminal that he would be that very day? (23:43)

**For application: IDEA** What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



## BIBLE TEACHINGS

### Sacrament of the Altar

#### *Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### **Second**

##### *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

This is shown by the words: "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

### Benefit

Text...

#### **181. What words show us that there is a benefit to this sacrament?**

"Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins"

*Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:19-20*

#### **182. What is given to us through the Sacrament of the Altar?**

- A. The forgiveness of sins
- B. Life
- C. Salvation

*A – Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7; B – Romans 6:22-23; C – Romans 5:9*

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

#### **183. What do the words "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" tell us?**

That in this supper, we receive the same body and blood which Jesus offered on the cross to earn and obtain our forgiveness

*Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24*

#### **184. Why do we come to the Sacrament of the Altar?**

- A. To strengthen our faith
- B. To nourish a holy life
- C. To demonstrate common faith with our fellow believers

*A – Romans 10:17; B – 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Colossians 2:6-7; C – 1 Corinthians 10:17*

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## 5 Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 6 Prayers

*Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.*



Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion that we may obtain the pardon of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Son You have promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and everlasting life: By Your Holy Spirit so enliven our hearts that in daily prayer we may seek our help in Christ against all temptations, and, constantly believing His promise, obtain that for which we pray, and at last be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

## Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## 7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

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# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



6 Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



11 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life my all!



# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2. King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on earth He stood,  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard on the way  
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, For with bless - ing in His hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, In the bod - y and the blood,  
As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing From the realms of end - less day,  
Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence As with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"